GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3476
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URDU CHANNEL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Urdu Channel has been launched;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the allocation made for it; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and the time by which it is likely to be launched?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (c): As stated in the reply to unstarred question No.2731 answered on 11th August, 2005, the 'Urdu channel' could not be launched in January, 2006 due to non-availability of the required budgetary allocation during the fiscal year 2005-06. However, a budgetary allocation of Rs.40 crore has been made during the current financial year against the projected requirement of approximately Rs. 78.40 crore. The proposal has been taken up with the Planning Commission for 'in-principle' approval of the project.